1	2	3
	Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices	
Bihar Circle		
1.	Paroria	Samastipur Rural
2.	Jhabri	Singhbhum Tribal
3.	Mahua	Gopalganj Rural
4.	Jasso	Madhubani Rural
5.	Songharwa	Gopalganj Rural
Madhya Pradesh Circle		
1.	Dungaria	Chhindwara Tribal
2.	Sahajpuri	Jabalpur Rural
3.	Temani	Betul Tribal
4.	Banagram	Burdwan Rural
North East Circle		
1.	Darka	West Siang Tribal
Maharashtra Circle		
1.	Tiwai Hills	Pune Rural

[English]

Coordination between Minister and Officers

2487. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the newsitem capitoned 'Rail mantri va afsaron mein talmail ka abhav' appearing in 'Dainik Jagran', New Delhi edition dated July 14, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein ; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) The report appearing in the newsitem is not based on facts. Contrary to what has been stated therein, the inaugural function for North-Central Railway was held on 28th August,' 96. No meeting, as reported was held on 28th June,'97 between the officers of Northern and North-Central Railway (NCR). In order to commence setting up of the new North-Central Railway/Allahabad with least disruption in working, some broad items of work of Allahabad Division, which would form part of the proposed new North-Central Railway, have been taken over by them with effect from 15.7.97. Eighteen Officers and about 96 staff have also been positioned for the smooth functioning of one-division zone. Further, there is no shortage of infrastructural facilities as stated in the report and adequate outlay (Rs. 5.24 cr.) has been provided in 1997-98 for setting up of North-Central Railway. There is close co-ordination between the two Railways. Further, a large number of New Lines, Doubling and Gauge Conversion projects are in progress on the Railways and will require an amount of Rs. 29681 cr. (current costs) for completion. Against this an amount of Rs. 1600 cr. has been provided in 1997-98.

Senior Citizenship Certificate

2488. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether booking clerks at railway stations insist on Senior Citizenship Certificate while giving them concession;

(b) if so, whether it is compulsory to produce the said certificate;

(c) if not, the reasons of such insistence; and

(d) the names of the authorities who are authorised to issue such certificates?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Doubling of Trivandrum-Quilon Rail Line

2489. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of doubling work of Trivandrum-Quilon Sector;

(b) the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the estimated cost of the project and expenditure incurred thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHIR RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Trivandrum-Kochuveli has been completed. Kochuveli-Kazakuttam will be completed later this year. Work has been taken up at various locations on rest of the section.

(b) By Dec. '99, subject to availability of resources.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 98 crs. and expenditure upto 31.3.97 is Rs. 36 crs.

[Translation]

Rank of India Amongst Solar Energy Producers

2490. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the place India occupies in the world in the production of solar energy and the provision made for its development;